

**Prelude** 

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ Johann Ludwig Krebs

Welcome & Call to Worship

Wes Avram

### \* Opening Hymn

1 O sing a song of Bethlehem,
 of shepherds watching there,
 and of the news that came to them
 from angels in the air.
 The light that shone on Bethlehem
 fills all the world today.

 Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
 the angels sing alway.

## O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

2 O sing a song of Nazareth,
of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,
and of the sinless boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth
in every heart may grow.
Now spreads the fame of his dear
name
on all the winds that blow.

3 O sing a song of Calvary,
its glory and dismay,
of him who hung upon the tree,
and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary
is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,
is mighty now to save.

### \* Passing of the Peace

Katie Rosenson

Word to the Children Brandon Huenemann

"Virtual Church School" is available to preschool-5th grade students each Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 am via Zoom.

Email Director of Children's Ministry for login instructions; hmackowski@pinnaclepres.org

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12 Wes Avram

**Homily** Of All Places . . . Wes Avram

Offertory

Musical Offering

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word Small Group, David Allen, director • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ Robert Farlee

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word, eternal love reveal in time;
Come, make your home within our hearts,
that we may dwell in light sublime.
Our bartered, busy lives burn dim, too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world;
your radiance bathes with pow'r to heal.
Your glory shone and Jordan's stream the font where we were born anew.
Attune your church to know you near; illumine all we say and do.
O Light of nations, fill the earth; our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace, as stars once led the way, led the way to you.

\* Doxology (unison, Lasst uns erfreuen

In every land begin the song,
To every land the strains belongs:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise
And fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer Wes Avram

Invitation to the Table Wes Avram

Blessing of the Elements Michael Hegeman

**The Communion** 

Prayer of Thanksgiving Michael Hegeman

**Communion Response**A Stable Lamp is Lighted
David Allen, solo • Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, piano

1 A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine; a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.

2 Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die; the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, for hearts made hard by sin: God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again. 3 But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high; the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, in praises of the child by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.

Our Common Life Wes Avram

\* The Charge Wes Avram

\* Sending Music O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright Dieterich Buxtehude
Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler, organ

\* Please rise, as you are able.



#### Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." 3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. 8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." 9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. 11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

# Motes of Interest

The Sympathy of the Congregation is extended to the family of Larry Corbett.

# Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following members & friends:

- For Melissa P., for recovery from brain surgery;
- For the Jordan family, as they mourn the loss of June;
- For Ken, hospitalized in Michigan with COVID;
- For our men and women in the military.

Contact Lisa Boswell at prayer@pinnaclepres.org or call 480.585.9448 to add your request to the Pinnacle prayer list.